

Application No. 10/599,847
Amendment dated April 20, 2012
Reply to Office Action dated February 8, 2011

REMARKS

Claims 21-27 and 29-35 are pending. Claims 1-20 and 28 have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected Claims 20, 22-28, and 30-35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,050,503 to Sührling et al. ("Sührling et al. '503") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0066907 to Drouillard ("Drouillard '907").

The Examiner indicated that Claims 21 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

Responsive thereto, Applicants have rewritten Claim 21 in independent form to incorporate the limitations of prior Claim 20, which has been canceled, and has amended Claims 22, 24, 26, and 27 to depend from new independent Claim 21.

Applicants have also rewritten Claim 29 in independent form to incorporate the limitations of prior Claim 28, which has been canceled, and has amended Claims 30, 32, 34, and 35 to depend from new independent Claim 29.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 21-27 and 29-35 are in condition for allowance.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Faegre Baker Daniels LLP.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-424-8000.

Respectfully submitted,

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